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EXAMINING GROUP Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER 0397-0438P Application No. Filing Date Examiner Art Unit 10/019,949-Conf. #006273 January 7, 2002 1641 G. Gabel Applicant(s): Kazuhiro NAKASHIMA et al. Invention: IMMUNOASSAY AND IMMUNOASSAY APPARATUS MS AF **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Remaining Number Number After Previously Extra Claims Amendment Paid Present Rate Total Claims 13 20 X Independent 2 3 X Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 0.00 x Large Entity Small Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. to cover the filing fee is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 02-2448 The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. OCT 1 2 2005 Dated: Marc S. Weiner Attorney Reg. No.: 32,181 BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP 8110 Gatehouse Rd Suite 100 East P.O. Box 747 Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747

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